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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson et al.	Docket No.:	41821.0238
Serial No.:	09/808,314	Examiner:	Gary W. Counts
Filed:	March 14, 2001	Art Unit:	1641
Title:	MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.